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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of)

John B. Putman, et al.)

Serial No.: 09/978,501)

Filed: October 16, 2001)

For: Method for Preparing a)
Cut Surface in Uncured)
Rubber Sampler for)
Measuring Filler Dispersion)

Group Art Unit 2877

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 23, 2003, Applicants, through their attorney, reply with the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claim are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this response.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5, and appropriate "Replacement Sheets" are enclosed.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.